

# Save Oppenheimer! version 0.5

A Weird War Scenario for Kwanchai's OGRE Redesign  
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OSS experts had been assuring FDR that the rumors concerning "automated bipedal atomic panzers" were propaganda. The notion of an electronic brain in a battlefield situation was dismissed as absurd - the vacuum tubes necessary couldn't fit in a something the size of a tank, and would certainly shatter if it took a single step onto a hard surface. In fact, German scientists had perfected a new invention called a 'transistor' that allowed them to simultaneously miniaturize and fortify the electronics. The German team identified to the Nazi high command a scientist in the US who was capable of duplicating the atomic power plants used in the autonomous panzers: Dr. Robert Oppenheimer<sup>1</sup>.

## Operation Pastorius<sup>2</sup>: October 14th, 1942

A group of Nazi saboteurs had landed months prior in Long Island, NY via submarine, and worked their way to Altoona, PA. They set and detonated bombs at a crucial railroad pass,

as well as the Pennsylvania Railroad's regional repair shops. The severity of the explosions brought civil defense forces from Philadelphia, 3 hours away. Drexel University in Philadelphia was hosting a defense research symposium, attended by Dr. Oppenheimer. As the civil defense forces arrived at Altoona, a Mark V OGRE emerged from the Delaware River. Guided by German spies, the Mark V marched across the city, and captured Dr. Oppenheimer from the campus. Undermanned and outgunned, the remaining American forces have to try to stop the robot from making it back to the submersible OGRE carrier<sup>3</sup> and escaping.

## Setup

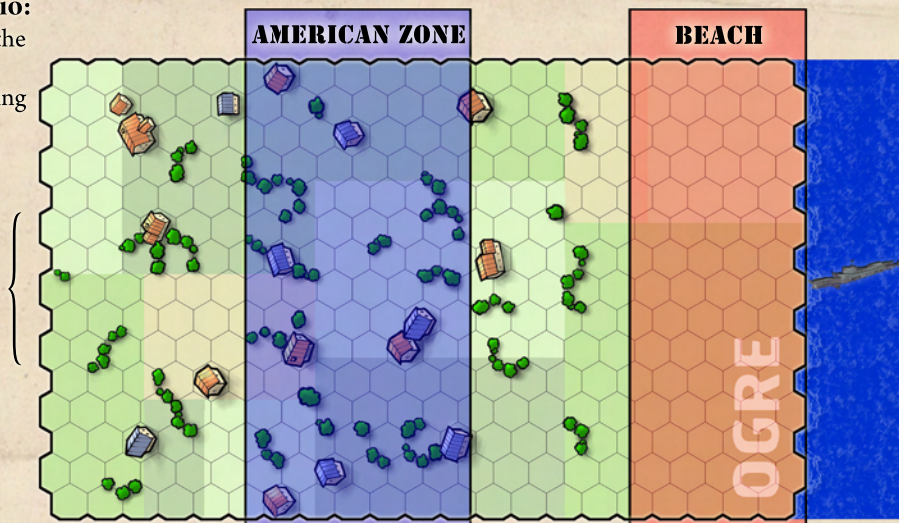
The German commander must pick three consecutive hexes of the beach adjacent to the water as exit points for the Mark V to get to the escape sub, and write them down on his mine field sheet. The German must also indicate which 4 beach hexes his commandos have mined.

**American Forces:** 30 attack strength of Infantry Units and 24 Armor Units. Every unit must be able to move at least 2! Setup in the blue 'American Zone' full or half hexes.

**German Forces:** Setup after the Americans. 12 attack strength of Infantry Units and 1 Jeep Unit on the beach. On the first turn a Mark V enters from one of the indicated hexes, it has already been damaged! It has lost 20 Leg Units, 4 Flamethrowers and 3 Missiles. Due to the fact it is carrying and trying to protect the doctor, the Mark V's combat abilities are restricted. The Mark V must declare at the beginning of each round which **two** it will do: Move, shoot Main Guns, or shoot Secondary Guns. Missiles may always be fired.

## It's A Winner Take All Scenario:

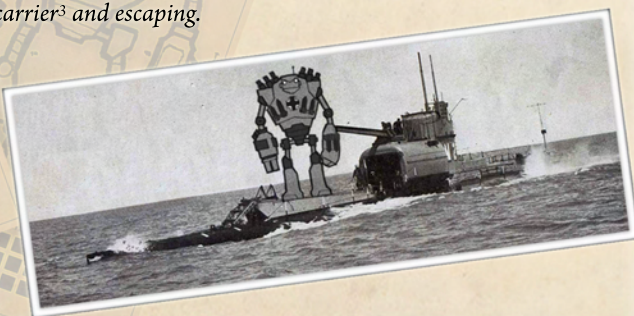
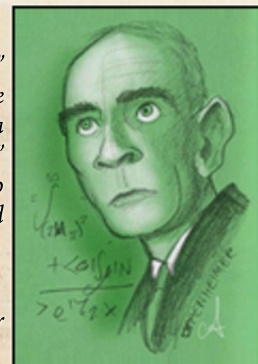
- German Victory for getting the doctor off the map.
- American Victory for stopping the OGRE from getting there.



## EVENTS

Events Table; roll 1d6 at the start of every American turn to find the result on the chart below:

1) A single Attack Strength 3 US Infantry Unit emerges from 1 building "Lock the doors behind me Martha!"
2) A pursuing American Tank enters from the edge opposite the beach.
3) Air raid spotlights find the OGRE. All attacks against the OGRE are +1 to the die roll. The OGRE automatically destroys the spotlights with a shot from any weapon other than a Flamethrower.
4) Two Coast Guard Jeeps enter from the left <b>or</b> the right on the beach - watch out for mines!
5) The German submarine commander risks shooting. He will make a single Strength 6 Attack within 7 hexes of the OGRE escape hexes. He will not shoot on any two consecutive turns, as it would give away his position.
6) The German commandos detonate hidden charges on a selected American Tank or Missile Launcher Unit. 1-3 Disabled, 4-6 Destroyed.



<sup>1</sup> "Why does Einstein always get to be the super-scientist?"  
<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation\\_Pastorius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Pastorius)  
<sup>3</sup> Submersible Aircraft Carriers <http://www.daminteresting.com/?p=767>